



## TOWN OF MIDDLETON

Ira S. Singer

Town Administrator

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Mr. Richard J. Chaplin  
Deputy Regional Environmental Engineer  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Northeast Region  
10 Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801

RE: MIDDLETON/AMERICAN GLUE & RESIN INC. D.E.P. CASE 3-168

Dear Mr. Chaplin,

As you may be aware on September 11, 1992 a member of your Rapid Response staff, Kyle MacAfee, was called to Middleton to investigate a leak of possible chemicals coming from a rear shed on the property of the American Glue & Resin Company at 48 School Street.

In speaking to Mr. MacAfee recently, he reported that the site had been investigated for leaks, and Cleaned Harbors on behalf of the American Glue Company had been employed to respond to the complaint and oversee any required cleanup. Mr. MacAfee also informed me that as far as he was concerned the D.E.P. had no further reason to take any action related to the reported leak coming from the rear shed on this property.

This incident prompted the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, and neighbors to inquire about the status of the D.E.P.'s longer term Phase II investigation of this site. It is our understanding that very little progress has occurred since 1990, and this case has not be reassigned to any staff member since Ms. Babroudi's pregnancy leave. The Town of Middleton requests an official update of where the investigation now stands and what additional actions, if any, the Department will be taking to guide the cleanup of this site.

Please advise the Town of any actions it may consider taking in order to protect and reassure neighboring property owners of the safety and usability of their drinking water supply. We would also appreciate a summary of the department's response to the complaint on September 11, 1992. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ira S. Singer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ira S. Singer  
Town Administrator

cc: Leo Cormier  
Board of Health  
Fire Chief